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April 23, 2019

Patrick Wallace
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5 Randolph St.
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Dear Inspector Wallace,

Enclosed is this Department's Plan of Action to correct deficiencies noted in the Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards Inspection of the Suffolk County House of Correction conducted by you on March 19, 20 and 21, 2019.

Maintenance issues noted have either been addressed or the completion date is anticipated based on resources available.

As always, we look forward to any recommendations or suggestions your department raises, and will address those issues to the best of our abilities in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Richard McCarthy,
Assistant Superintendent



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April 3, 2019

Steven W. Tompkins, Sheriff
Suffolk County Sheriff's Department
20 Bradston Street
Boston, MA 02118 (electronic copy)

Re: Facility Inspection – Suffolk County House of Correction, Boston

Dear Sheriff Tompkins:

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 111, §§ 5, 20, and 21, as well as Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) Regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities; 105 CMR 480.000: Storage and Disposal of Infectious or Physically Dangerous Medical or Biological Waste (State Sanitary Code, Chapter VIII); 105 CMR 590.000: Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments (State Sanitary Code Chapter X); the 2013 Food Code; 105 CMR 500.000 Good Manufacturing Practices for Food; 105 CMR 520.000 Labeling; and 105 CMR 205.000 Minimum Standards Governing Medical Records and the Conduct of Physical Examinations in Correctional Facilities; I conducted an inspection of the Suffolk County House of Correction on March 19, 20, and 21, 2019 accompanied by John Fallon, Environmental Health and Safety/Fire Safety Officer and Captain Brian Reynolds, Support Service Supervisor. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 621 repeat violations:

HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS

(* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

BUILDING # 1

11th Floor

Staff Bathroom # 1142

No Violations Noted

Classroom # 1145

No Violations Noted

Classroom # 1156

No Violations Noted

Slop Sink Room # 1158

No Violations Noted

Meeting Room

No Violations Noted

Program Area

Classroom # 1 1151

No Violations Noted

Classroom # 2 1153

No Violations Noted

Caseworker's Office # 1143

No Violations Noted

Unit 1-11-1

Unable to Inspect – Closed for Renovations

Unit 1-11-2

105 CMR 451.321*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells

Cell design does not allow the facility to provide adequate floor space

Common Area

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Vent cleaned – April 8, 2019

Showers

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 2 and 3

Walls cleaned – March 19, 2019

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Light out in shower # 1

Light repaired – March 18, 2019

Bathroom

Unable to Inspect - Not Used

Laundry Area

No Violations Noted

Kitchenette

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

10th Floor

10th Floor Visiting Room

No Violations Noted

Room # 1053

No Violations Noted

Room # 1054

No Violations Noted

Room # 1059

No Violations Noted

Offices

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom # 1074

No Violations Noted

Slop Sink Room # 1050

No Violations Noted

Unit 1-10-1

105 CMR 451.321*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells

Cell design does not allow the facility to provide adequate floor space

Common Area

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Vent cleaned – April 5, 2019

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Wall vent dusty

Vent cleaned – April 5, 2019

Shower

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 1 and 2

Vent cleaned – April 5, 2019

Kitchenette

No Violations Noted

Cells

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 9, 10, 12, and 13

Floor repaired - April 8, 2019

105 CMR 451.103

Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 11 and 14

Mattresses replaced – April 5, 2019

Unit 1-10-2

105 CMR 451.321*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells

Cell design does not allow the facility to provide adequate floor space

Common Area

No Violations Noted

Showers

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 1, 2, and 3

Vent cleaned – April 5, 2019

Kitchenette

No Violations Noted

Laundry Area

No Violations Noted

Cells

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 8 and 10

Floors repaired – April 9, 2019

105 CMR 451.103

Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 9 and 11

Mattresses replaced – April 5, 2019

Unit 1-10-3

105 CMR 451.321*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells

Cell design does not allow the facility to provide adequate floor space

Cells

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 2, 5, and 6

Floor repaired - March 29, 2019

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling water damaged in cell # 6

Ceiling repaired – March 29, 2019

105 CMR 451.103

Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 6

Mattresses replaced – April 5, 2019

Shower

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Vent cleaned – April 5, 2019

105 CMR 451.123* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls
Walls cleaned – March 19, 2019
Caseworker's Office
No Violations Noted

Unit 1-10-4 Women's Infirmary Area

Supply Closet
No Violations Noted

Exam Room
No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom
105 CMR 451.123* Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty
Vent cleaned – April 5, 2019

9th Floor

Staff Bathroom # 944
105 CMR 451.123* Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty
Vent cleaned – April 5, 2019

Slop Sink # 956
No Violations Noted

Recreation Deck # 940
105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged
Painting Supervisor notified – projected completion date no later than July 1, 2019

Programs/Education Offices
No Violations Noted

Unit 1-9-1
105 CMR 451.321* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells
Cell design does not allow the facility to provide adequate floor space

Common Area
105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty
Vent cleaned – April 5, 2019

Laundry Area
No Violations Noted

Shower Area
105 CMR 451.123* Unable to Inspect Shower # 3 – In Use
Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 1 and 2
Vent cleaned – April 5, 2019

Closet
No Violations Noted

Kitchenette
No Violations Noted

Cells
105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 2
Wall repaired – April 9, 2019
105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 8 and 9
Ceiling repaired – April 10, 2019

105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 15 Wall repaired – April 9, 2019
Unit 1-9-2	
105 CMR 451.321*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells Cell design does not allow the facility to provide adequate floor space
<i>Common Area</i>	
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty Vent cleaned – April 5, 2019
<i>Laundry Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower Area</i>	
105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower head leaking at shower # 2 Shower head repaired – April 16, 2019
<i>Closet</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Kitchenette</i>	
105 CMR 451.126*	Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 74°F at handwash sink Plumber notified – projected completion date no later than May1, 2019
<i>Cells</i>	
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 Painting Supervisor notified – projected completion date no later than July1, 2019
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 7 Wall repaired – April 16, 2019
<u>8th Floor</u>	
<i>Offices</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Slop Sink # 848</i>	No Violations Noted
Unit 1-8-1	
105 CMR 451.321*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells Cell design does not allow the facility to provide adequate floor space
<i>Common Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Kitchenette</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Laundry Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Utility Closet</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Showers</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Cells</i>	
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, and 15 Painting Supervisor notified – projected completion date no later than July1, 2019

105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 14 Wall repaired – April 16, 2019
105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 4 Ceiling repaired – April 16, 2019
Unit 1-8-2	
105 CMR 451.321*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells Cell design does not allow the facility to provide adequate floor space
<i>Common Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Kitchenette</i>	
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty Vent cleaned – April 5, 2019
<i>Laundry Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Utility Closet</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Showers</i>	
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 1, 2, and 3 Vent cleaned – April 5, 2019
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1-3 Walls cleaned – March 19, 2019
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 3 Floor cleaned – March 19, 2019
<i>Cells</i>	Unable to Inspect – Closed for Renovations
<u>7th Floor (Office Space)</u>	
<i>Slop Sink Room # 755</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Parole Office</i>	
105 CMR 451.360*	Protective Measures: Building not protected against infestation, rodent droppings observed on floor along walls Exterminator addressed issue - April 5, 2019
<i>Gang Intelligence Unit Office</i>	Unable to Inspect – Locked
<u>6th Floor</u>	
<i>Case Worker's Office # 645</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>6th Floor Meeting Room and Dining Hall</i>	
105 CMR 451.360*	Protective Measures: Building not protected against infestation, rodent droppings observed on window sills Exterminator addressed issue - April 5, 2019
Unit 1-6-1	
105 CMR 451.321*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells Cell design does not allow the facility to provide adequate floor space
<i>Common Area</i>	
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty outside cell # 32 Vent cleaned – April 5, 2019

Kitchenette

105 CMR 451.200

Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty

Microwave cleaned – March 19, 2019

Upper Cells

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 30

Painting Supervisor notified – projected completion date no later than July1, 2019

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 29 and 32

Painting Supervisor notified – projected completion date no later than July1, 2019

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 17

Wall repaired – April 16, 2019

Upper Showers

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 1 and 2

Vents cleaned – April 5, 2019

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 2

Walls cleaned – March 19, 2019

Lower Cells

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15

Painting Supervisor notified – projected completion date no later than July1, 2019

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 4 and 8

Wall repaired – April 16, 2019

105 CMR 451.103

Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 1

Mattress replaced – April 5, 2018

Lower Laundry Area

No Violations Noted

Storage Closet # 634

No Violations Noted

Lower Shower Area

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in shower # 2 and 3

Painting Supervisor notified – projected completion date no later than May 15, 2019

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 1-3

Vents cleaned – April 5, 2019

105 CMR 451.130*

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower head leaking in shower # 3

Shower head repaired – April 9, 2019

Recreation Deck

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Walls dirty

Walls cleaned – April 5, 2019

Unit 1-6-2

105 CMR 451.321*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells

Cell design does not allow the facility to provide adequate floor space

Common Area

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged throughout

Maintenance notified – projected completion date no later than June 1, 2019

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty outside cell # 1 and 17

Vents cleaned – April 5, 2019

Kitchenette

No Violations Noted

Upper Storage Closet

No Violations Noted

Upper Cells

105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, and 31 Painting Supervisor notified – projected completion date no later than July 1, 2019
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 19, 24, and 25 Ceiling repaired – April 16, 2019
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 20, 21, and 22 Wall repaired – April 16, 2019
105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 24 and 29 Painting Supervisor notified – projected completion date no later than July 1, 2019
105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32 Painting Supervisor notified – projected completion date no later than July 1, 2019
105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 19, 26, and 29 Wall repaired – April 16, 2019

Upper Showers

105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 2 Walls cleaned – March 19, 2019
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 1-3 Vents cleaned – April 5, 2019
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1-3 Walls cleaned – March 19, 2019
105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower head damaged in shower # 1 Shower Shower head repaired – April 17, 2019

Lower Laundry

No Violations Noted

Lower Cells

105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 Painting Supervisor notified – projected completion date no later than July 31, 2019
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, and 16 Painting Supervisor notified – projected completion date no later than July 31, 2019
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, and 12 Painting Supervisor notified – projected completion date no later than July 31, 2019
105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 12 Painting Supervisor notified – projected completion date no later than July 31, 2019
105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 10 Painting Supervisor notified – projected completion date no later than July 31, 2019
105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Ceiling water damaged in cell # 6 Painting Supervisor notified – projected completion date no later than July 31, 2019
105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 15 Mattress replaced – April 5, 2018

Lower Showers

105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 1-3 Vents cleaned – April 5, 2019
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1-3 Walls cleaned – March 19, 2019
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Shower curtain missing in shower # 3 Curtain replaced – April 5, 2019

Staff Bathroom # 656
105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor paint damaged
Floor repaired – April 6, 2019

105 CMR 451.130*

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, faucet leaking at handwash sink
Faucet repaired – April 17, 2019

Slop Sink Closet

No Violations Noted

5th Floor

Slop Sink Room # 563

No Violations Noted

5th Floor Custody

Bathroom # 1

No Violations Noted

Bathroom # 2

No Violations Noted

Kitchenette

105 CMR 451.200

Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with
105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty
Microwave cleaned – March 19, 2019

Unit 1-5-1

105 CMR 451.321*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells
Cell design does not allow the facility to provide adequate floor space

Common Area

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty outside cell # 16
Vent cleaned – April 5, 2019

Utility Closet

No Violations Noted

Laundry Area

No Violations Noted

Shower Area

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Shower push button cover missing in shower # 1
Cover replaced – April 17, 2019

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 1-3
Vents cleaned – April 5, 2019

Kitchenette

105 CMR 451.126

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 94°F at handwash sink
Plumber notified - projected completion date no later than May 1, 2019

Cells

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14,
15, and 16

Painting Supervisor notified – projected completion date no later than July 31, 2019

105 CMR 451.103

Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 12

Mattress replaced – April 5, 2018

Classrooms

No Violations Noted

Library

No Violations Noted

Unit 1-5-2

Control

No Violations Noted

Shower

105 CMR 451.130

Hot Water: Shower water temperature recorded at 94⁰F

Plumber notified - projected completion date no later than May 1, 2019

Common Area

No Violations Noted

Kitchenette

No Violations Noted

Dorm Room

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged

Wall repaired – April 22, 2019

Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Unit 1-5-2 A

Office # 566

No Violations Noted

Shower

No Violation Noted

Slop Sink Closet

No Violations Noted

Cells

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 5, 6, and 7

Floors repaired – April 22, 2019

4th Floor

Hallway

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom # 445

No Violations Noted

Slop Sink # 454

No Violations Noted

SERT Office

No Violations Noted

Utility Room

No Violations Noted

Visiting Area

No Violations Noted

Unit 1-4-1

105 CMR 451.321*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells

Cell design does not allow the facility to provide adequate floor space

Common Area

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty outside cell # 16

Vent cleaned – April 5, 2019

Storage Closet

No Violations Noted

Shower Area

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 1 and 2

Vent cleaned – April 5, 2019

Kitchenette

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Handwash sink dirty

Sink cleaned – March 19, 2019

Cells

No Violations Noted

Recreation Deck

No Violations Noted

Unit 1-4-2

Common Area

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty outside cell # 1

Cell design does not allow the facility to provide adequate floor space

Storage Closet

No Violations Noted

Shower Area

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 1-3

Vents cleaned – April 5, 2019

Kitchenette

No Violations Noted

Cells

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16

Painting Supervisor notified – projected completion date no later than July 31, 2019

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # 4

Vent cleared – April 5, 2019

105 CMR 451.103

Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 7 and 11

Mattress replaced – April 5, 2018

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # 14

Vent cleared – April 5, 2019

3rd Floor

Slop Sink Room # 371

No Violations Noted

Non-Contact Visiting Area # 355

No Violations Noted

<i>Supervisor's Office</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Report Writing Office</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Captain's Office</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Disciplinary Office</i>	No Violations Noted
Unit 1-3-1	
105 CMR 451.321*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells Cell design does not allow the facility to provide adequate floor space
<i>Common Area</i>	
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty outside cell # 16 Vent cleared – April 5, 2019
<i>Room # 333 and 334</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Storage Room # 336</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Staff Bathroom # 337</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Cells</i>	
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 1-16 Painting Supervisor notified – projected completion date no later than July 31, 2019
105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 4, 6, 8, 15, and 16 Painting Supervisor notified – projected completion date no later than July 31, 2019
105 CMR 451.103	Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 13 Mattress replaced – April 5, 2018
<i>Recreation Room</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Recreation Deck</i>	
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged Painting Supervisor notified – projected completion date no later than June 1, 2019
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged Painting Supervisor notified – projected completion date no later than June 1, 2019
Unit 1-3-2	
105 CMR 451.321*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells Cell design does not allow the facility to provide adequate floor space
<i>Common Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Staff Bathroom # 360</i>	
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket Mop removed – March 19, 2019
<i>Storage Closet # 361</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Recreation Room # 368</i>	